

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 0.071  
ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM WENDELL SMITH PARK (No. 272) LOCATED AT  
9912 SOUTH PRINCETON AVENUE TO THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Park District (the “Park District”) is a body politic and corporate created pursuant to the Chicago Park District Act, 70 ILCS 1505/0.01 *et seq.*, as amended (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Illinois authorizes and encourages cooperative agreements between state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.* (the “Transfer Act”), authorizes and provides for municipalities to convey, grant or transfer real estate held by the municipality to any other coterminous municipality upon the agreement of the corporate authorities governing the respective parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Transit Authority (the “Authority”) is an Illinois municipal corporation, created under the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act of 1945, 70 ILCS 3605/1 *et seq.* as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Red Line Extension Project would add new transit service on Chicago’s Far South Side by extending rail service from 95<sup>th</sup> Street south to 130<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District Board on October 11, 2023 previously approved the exchange of properties with the Authority for the Red Line Extension Project, which included the disposition of 4.106 acres from Fernwood Parkway Park to the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, in exchange, the Authority would provide an aggregate replacement of 4.106 acres from potential properties located at 102nd Street and Wallace Street, 102nd Place and Normal Avenue, 102nd Street and Parnell Avenue, 122nd Street and Union Avenue, 116th Place and Peoria Street, 110th Street and Aberdeen Street, 124th Street and Lowe Avenue, 119<sup>th</sup> Street and Emerald Avenue, 105<sup>th</sup> Place and Throop Street, and 129th Street and Eggleston Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the alignment of the Red Line Extension has subsequently been changed and now requires the Authority to acquire an additional 0.071 acres of Wendell Smith Park located at 9912 South Princeton Avenue (the “Property” as legally described on Exhibit A attached and incorporated by this reference); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are expressly incorporated in and made part of this resolution as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** It is hereby determined pursuant to the Act that it is necessary, useful, appropriate and desirable that the Property be transferred to the Authority for a nonpark use.

**Section 3.** It is hereby determined that the aforementioned land transfer (the “Transfer”) is necessary, useful, appropriate and desirable for the benefit of the community.

**Section 4.** The General Superintendent of the Park District and their designee are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate, enter into and execute such agreements and instruments, and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the conveyance of the Property and the Transfer, including, without limitation, the following:

- a. Negotiate, execute and deliver a quitclaim deed conveying title or possession of the Property to the Authority;
- b. Execute and deliver various closing items and any other documents related to the transfer of the Property, including intergovernmental agreements, rights of entry, filings for vacation or closing of streets and alleys, easements, and any other instruments in connection with the transactions described herein; and

**Section 5.** The Secretary and any other appropriate officials of the Park District are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to attest the execution of any documents necessary in connection with the Transfer and to take all action necessary or proper in order to effectuate the Transfer, subject to review and approval of the General Counsel.

**Section 6.** To the extent that the Code of the Chicago Park District or any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the Park District, or part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall govern and control to the extent necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the Property. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **WENDELL SMITH PARK (No. 272) DISPOSITION**

LOT 29 IN A SUBDIVISION OF SUB-BLOCK 1 IN BLOCK 7 OF A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 7 AND 8 OF FERNWOOD, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 25-09-400-047-0000 (part of)

The property descriptions are subject to title commitment and plat of survey.